

COUNCIL MEETING.

Council Refused to Refund Amount Deducted From Electric Light Bill for Lights Not Burning.

Council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday night. Present, Mayor Geo. W. Dick, Aldermen, H. D. Barnett, R. F. Haynsworth, H. W. Hood, C. G. Rowland and W. G. Stubbbs. Absent, P. P. Finn, E. W. Hurst and K. K. Wilder.

Mr. J. J. Harby, manager of the Sumter Electric Light Co. was present and stated that the clerk and Treasurer had refused to pay the account for lights during the month of January, for the reason that the city held a counter claim of \$58.70 for lights not burning from Oct. 12 to Jan. 25th. He said that the company is doing the best it can to improve the service and has succeeded in doing so. They had had some accidents and mishaps which were unavoidable, and asked that these charges be remitted. The matter was taken up in regular order.

The clerk explained that he had not refused to pay the company's account, but had requested them to pay the city's claim or allow the amount in settlement, which they refused to do, hence they had voluntarily left the matter open for the decision of Council, which was referred to the Police Committee for adjustment. A resolution was adopted sustaining the action of the Clerk, and he was directed to retain at the end of each month such amount as may be due for failure of lights to burn.

Mr. I. C. Strauss, Attorney for the Sumter Telephone Co., appeared before Council by invitation, to be heard in reference to the proposed ordinance whereby the Southern Bell Telephone Co. is to be allowed the privilege of operating a long distance station in Sumter. He spoke at length on the struggles and development of the local company, and its constant effort to serve the interests of the community. The attempt of the Bell Co. to come into the city he asserted is merely to get a foothold here, and he has every reason to fear that once in, unless the most clearly defined restrictions are imposed, they will find means to evade the provisions of the ordinance. He therefore suggested that the ordinance be amended by defining a long distance station, and in other respects as indicated by an ordinance which he had prepared applicable to all long distance telephone companies. The ordinance as amended was read, adopted and ordered published.

Minutes of January 25th, were read and confirmed.

Mr. Haynsworth for committee public works reported work on Salem avenue progressing as rapidly as the weather permits. By his request, a car load of drain pipes was ordered.

Mr. Barnett, chairman of the police committee, filed report of lights not burning to the 5th inst.

A letter was read from Mr. I. C. Strauss in behalf of the Minor Store, complaining of the Star Bakery on account of soot, smoke and danger of fire, and asked if an ordinance cannot be passed declaring all bake shops within the fire limits to be a nuisance. The question was discussed, but no action was taken.

The finance committee reported adversely on the request of Kennedy Bros., for tax exemption on their factory, on the ground that the law is for the purpose of inducing new enterprises to which the exemption is voted by request before they are established, and is not intended for established industries, nor for the enlargement of such industries.

The Clerk's report for January was referred to the finance committee as also were claims on file.

Council then adjourned.

ANOTHER ENTERPRISE.

The Sumter Iron Works Incorporated-- The Officers and the Character of the Business.

The Sumter Iron Works has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$12,000, and will be under the management of the following officers: John I. Brunson, president; W. E. Brunson, vice president and general manager; E. Warren Moise, secretary and treasurer.

As soon as new machinery can be bought and installed, the old shop repaired and a first class warehouse built for storing machinery, the company will then be in position to offer the public the advantages of an up-to-date machine shop and foundry. The company will handle a general supply of all kinds of machinery, such as engines, boilers, injectors, ejectors, lubricators, steam gauges, pop valves, and in fact, machinery of almost every description and parts of such machinery that are used in this section of the country.

There will be an entirely separate building for the manufacture of boilers, where none but the most expert workmen will be employed. The company expects to make a specialty of handling the celebrated J. I. Case traction engines and threshing machines. The James Olin and Sais saws and saw mills will be kept in stock all the time.

The machine shops will be fitted with the latest and most improved lathes, planers, drill presses etc., which will be operated by experts. The foundry and mould shop will be put in first class condition, and a new large cupola will be installed, and casting of all sizes will be kept in stock.

The horse-shoeing department will be under the supervision of Mr. John I. Brunson, who is too well known in this business to need further comment here. Besides manufacturing and repairing, the company will be in the market for old machinery, which will be received in exchange for new machinery.

The establishment will be at the same place formerly occupied by the Sumter Iron Works, and its enlargement will materially benefit the city in many respects.

Poisons in Food.

\*Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food--or money back; 25 cents at J. F. W. DeLorme's, Try them.

CASHIER EDMUNDS RESIGNS

And Promotions at the First National Bank Follow.

On account of the vacancy, caused by the resignation of Mr. R. L. Edmunds from the position of Cashier of the First National Bank, Mr. J. L. McCallum has been promoted from bookkeeper to cashier, and Mr. O. L. Yates, from assistant bookkeeper to the position formerly held by Mr. McCallum. The other vacancies have not as yet been filled.

Mr. Edmunds has been connected with this bank for about fifteen years and has filled all positions from collection clerk to cashier with entire efficiency. He tendered his resignation to accept the position of Cashier of the recently chartered Farmers' Bank and Trust Co.

STEAM LAUNDRY FOR SUMTER.

Company Organized With \$8,000 Capital--Buys Darlington Laundry.

The Sumter Steam Laundry Co. has been organized with a capital stock of \$8,000 with R. E. Dean of Darlington, president; J. J. Harby, vice president, F. A. Bultman, secretary treasurer, of Sumter, with E. G. Gross of Charleston general manager. They have bought the Darlington Steam Laundry.--Darlington News.

FIBRE PLASTER FACTORY.

Mr. W. E. Cochrane, of Pittsburg, is in the City Prospecting for a Site.

Mr. W. E. Cochrane, general manager of the Continental Engineering and Equipment Company, of Pittsburg and Butler, Pa., is in the city for the purpose of looking into the question of establishing a plant here for the manufacture of cement plaster and other building material. His company own the patents and the formula for the manufacture of cement fibre plaster that has a large sale in the North and West and is endorsed by leading architects and builders.

Mr. Cochrane proposes to organize a stock company with about \$15,000 capital, a part of which he desires to have taken by local capitalists.

The materials for the manufacture can be procured in this vicinity and he is prepared to show by facts, figures and freight rates that the enterprise can be made very profitable.

He has met with gratifying encouragement and has secured promises of subscriptions to the stock of the proposed company.

He has made a careful investigation of local conditions and is convinced that a plant of this character in this section of the south is a necessity, the only one of the kind being in Atlanta. The difference in freight rates between Sumter and Atlanta would give a factory here absolute control of the market in this section of the south.

Deserved Popularity.

\*To cure Constipation and Liver troubles by gently moving the bowels and acting as a tonic to the liver, take Little Early Risers. These Famous Little Pills are mild, pleasant and harmless, but effective and sure. Their universal use for many years is a strong guarantee of their popularity and usefulness. Sold by all druggists.

Old Fiddlers' Contest.

At the Opera House in Sumter on March 1st will be given one of the most unique entertainments that was ever devised.

It will be "The Old Fiddlers' Contest" in which all the old fiddlers in this section of the country will compete for the prize which is offered. None but old time fiddlers will be eligible to compete and the pieces rendered will be such as Dixie, Arkansas Traveler, Devil's Dream, Fiddler's Hornpipe, Old Turkey Buzzard, Sally Put The Skillett On, and others.

It promises to be a big event and all old fiddlers wishing to enter will please send their names to Mr. Jack Pollitt, Sumter, S. C., as the entry list will close soon to arrange the programme.

Sick Headache.

\*"This distressing ailment results from a disordered condition of the stomach. All that is needed to effect a cure is a dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. In fact, the attack may be warded off or greatly lessened in severity, by taking a dose of these Tablets as soon as the first symptom of an attack appears. Sold by all druggists.

PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

WHEREAS information has been received at this Department that an Atrocious Murder was committed in the County of Sumter on or about the 17th day of December 1904, upon the body of Mary Henderson by John Henderson, and that the said John Henderson, has fled from justice. NOW, THEREFORE, I, D. C. Heyward, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that justice may be done and the majesty of the law vindicated, do hereby offer reward of One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension, delivery and conviction of the said John Henderson, to the Sheriff of Sumter county, at Sumter, S. C.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Columbia, this eighth day of February, A. D. 1905, and in the 129th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

D. C. NEYWARD, By THE GOVERNOR: J. T. GANTT, Secretary of State.

WHEN YOU CATCH COLD

Do not take chances on it wearing away or experiment with some unknown preparation which may leave the bronchial tubes and lungs weakened and susceptible to attack from the germs of Pneumonia or Consumption.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

not only stops the cough but heals and strengthens the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Contains no opiates.

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W. R. Davis, Vissalia, California, writes: "There is no doubt but what *Foley's Honey and Tar* saved my life. I had an awful cough on my lungs and the doctor told me I had consumption. I commenced taking *Foley's Honey and Tar* and found relief from the first and three bottles cured me completely."

Three sizes--25c, 50c and \$1.00. The 50-cent size contains two and one-half times as much as the small size and the \$1.00 bottle almost six times as much. Refuse Substitutes.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman, of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least a half-dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended *Foley's Honey and Tar* and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world."

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Passenger Trains arriving and leaving Sumter.

Train 35	Florence to Augusta	Arrives	5 15 am
" 54	Columbia to Wilmington	"	8 10 am
" 59	Gibson to Sumter	"	9 20 am
" 52	Charleston to Columbia and Greenville	Leaves	9 30 am
" 46	Orangeburg to Charleston (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	9 25 am
" 53	Greenville and Columbia to Charleston	"	6 30 pm
" 32	Augusta to Florence	"	6 20 pm
" 56	Sumter to Gibson	"	6 50 pm
" 47	Charleston to Orangeburg (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	8 20 pm
" 55	Wilmington to Columbia	"	9 30 pm

Freight Trains carrying Passengers.

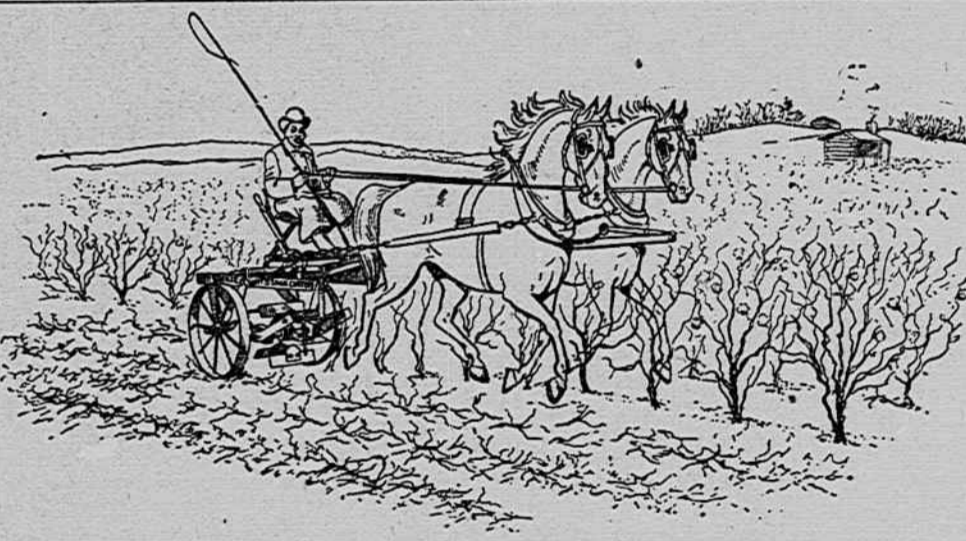
Train 24	inter to Hartsville	Leaves	6 30 am
" 1	Lishoville to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
" 2	Sumter to Bishopville	Leaves	9 45 am
" 19	Sumter to Robbins	Leaves	10 00 am
" 11	Florence to Sumter	Arrives	1 50 pm
" 12	Sumter to Florence	Leaves	2 00 pm
" 20	Robbins to Sumter	Arrives	8 00 pm
" 25	Hartsville to Sumter	Arrives	7 40 pm

Northwestern Railway.

Train 70	Camden to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
" 71	Sumter to Camden	Leaves	9 36 am
" 68	Camden to Sumter	"	5 45 pm
" 72	Wilson Mill to Sumter	Arrives	12 30 pm
" 73	Sumter to Wilson Mill	Leaves	3 00 pm
" 69	Sumter to Camden	"	6 25 pm

Trains marked \* daily except Sunday; all other trains daily. For further information, apply to

J. T. CHINA, Ticket Agent A. C. L.



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S. J. RUMPH, Adams Run, S. C.

TAX NOTICE.

THE COUNTY TREASURER'S office in Court House building will be open for the collection of taxes, with out penalty, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, inclusive, 1904.

The levy is as follows: For State 5 mills; for Count 3 1/2 mills; Constitutional School 3 mills; Polls \$1.00 Also, School District No. 1, Special, 2 mills; No. 2, 2 mills; No. 3, 2 mills; No. 4, 2 mills; No. 5, (Mid-dleton) 1 mill; No. 14, 3 mills; No. 16, 2 mills; No. 17, 1 mill; No. 18, 2 mills.

A penalty of 1 per cent. added for month January, 1905. Additional penalty of 1 per cent. for month February, 1905. Additional penalty of 5 per cent. for 15 days in March, 1905. T. W. LEE, Co. Treasurer.

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105 acres, 50 acres cleared, four miles from Sumter. New house reduced from \$35 to \$25 per acre.

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